POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Mental health services covered by the Medicaid program must meet qualifications described under Provider Participation Requirements in the DMAS policy manual on Medicaid benefits.
- Services labeled community mental health or psychiatric services do not require a PCP referral. The provider may bill Medicaid directly for services rendered.
- If in doubt about services, contact the Medicaid HELPLINE at 1-800-552-8627.
- To access Medicaid providers/vendors use the DMAS website: http://www.cns.state.va.us/dmas. Once on the site, select provider search option.

ACRONYMS

LMHP- Licensed mental health professional- means a physician, licensed clinical psychologist, licensed professional counselor, licensed clinical social worker, or a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist.

QMHP- Qualified mental health professional- means a clinician in the health profession who is trained in providing psychiatric or mental health services to individuals who have a psychiatric diagnosis. Examples are as follows: physician, registered nurse, social worker, mental health worker (at least a bachelor's degree and 1 year of experience providing direct service).

PCP-Primary care physician

ISP- Individualized service plan- is a comprehensive plan outlining a treatment to address problematic areas.

EPSDT- Early and periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment- any Medicaid recipient must be certified as requiring in-patient or residential treatment by an independent team. For CSA children, FAPT may serve as this body.

ECO- Emergency custody order

TDO- Temporary detention order